

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 12 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1242-0-01 (ACCNO 1238) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: BROMS, EDWARD JAMES JR Date Status assigned: 16 Apr 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	199 lb / 90.1 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWF908109
Lat/Long: 181112N / 1055131E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: HA TINH
(formerly):
Mission District: CAM XUYEN
Mission Date: 1 Aug 1968 1453L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 92, Aug 87, Feb 86
Investigations: Aug 92, Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (2) Probably out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A4C	Serial: 148599
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J65
Call Sign: WALD 301	1 Serial: 610658
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

18 March 1975

ON 1 AUGUST 1968, LT EDWARD J. BROMS WAS THE PILOT OF AN A4C (BUNO #148599) AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR ON A STRIKE MISSION AGAINST THE DONG DUN TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE ROLL IN SEEMED NORMAL, AND LT BROMS CALLED "OFF TARGET, FLIGHT IN SIGHT," AND WAS NOT HEARD AGAIN UNTIL THE NUMBER THREE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED "THIS IS NO FOUR, PUFFS ALL AROUND ME". THE NUMBER THREE AIRCRAFT TRIED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH LT BROMS BUT COULD NOT RAISE HIM. HE THEN TURNED BACK TOWARDS THE TARGET AREA, BUT COULD NOT SEE LT BROMS' AIRCRAFT, WRECKAGE, OR ANY SIGN OF GROUND FIRE OR AAA. (REF 1, 2 & 3)

TWO HOURS AFTER THIS INCIDENT ANOTHER FORMATION PROCEEDED TO THE SAME TARGET AREA AND CONDUCTED A VISUAL/ELECTRONIC SEARCH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON 21 AUG 68, AN A6A AIRCRAFT OBSERVED A FLASHING LIGHT IN A SERIES OF FOUR EQUALLY SPACED FLASHES, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XF 215 181. THIS WAS REPEATED FIVE TIMES AND WAS THOUGHT TO BE A POSSIBLE SAR SIGNAL THE LETTER "H" IN MORSE CODE. TWO SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS OVER THE AREA REPORTED LIGHTS AND CAMPFIRES BUT NO SIGNALLING ATTEMPTS. A VISUAL/ELECTRONICS SEARCH AND PHOTO RECCE OF THIS AREA FAILED TO TURN UP ANY FURTHER EVIDENCE. SAR EFFORTS WERE TERMINATED ON 23 AUG. 68. (REFS 4, 5, 6 & 7)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUALS' NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LT BROMS IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

18 March 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT: NAVAL SPEEDLETTER, 15 AUG 68 ATTACK SQDR 66. <2> RPT: STATEMENT OF LCDR JOHN E. CRAIG, 01 AUG 68. <3> RPT, STATEMENT OF LCDR WILLIAM F. HICKS, 01 AUG 68. <4> RPT: FACT SHEET 12 JUN 73. <5> MSG, CTF 77, 261626Z AUG 68. <6> MSG, CTF 77.4, 220208Z AUG 68. <7> MSG, CTF 77.7, 211510Z AUG 68. <8> CJTFFA DET ON BKK TH 231221Z SEP 92. <9> CJTFFA DET ONE BK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON EDWARD J. BROMS WAS PASSED DURING THE 27-28

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FEB 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO EDWARD J. BRAMS, JR. WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1242 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

1 April 1975

COORDINATES CHANGED FROM WF 898 105 TO WF 908 109 BASED ON COORDS PROVIDED BY MSG, CTG 77.4 DTG 010920Z AUG 68. SUBJ: PERSONAL AUTHENTICATOR.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

26 January 1993

ON 9 SEP 92, THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELLED TO HUONG KHE DISTRICT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS (WF740099), HA TINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1242. THE TEAM OBTAINED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE. A MEMBER OF THE VNOSMP TRAVELLED TO LOC YEN VILLAGE, HUONG SON DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE ON 8 SEP TO PREPARE FOR THE JOINT TEAM'S VISIT. LOC YEN IS THE VILLAGE IN WHICH THE COORDINATES ASSOCIATED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH CASE 1242 ARE LOCATED. NO INFORMATION ON CASE 1242 WAS OBTAINED IN LOC YEN VILLAGE. (REF 8)

7 August 1993

ON 3 AND 6 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN THACH HUONG VILLAGE, THACH HA DISTRICT AND HA TINH TOWNSHIP, HA TINH PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED SIX WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON A CRASH SITE POSSIBLY CORRELATING TO CASE 1242. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE WITNESS-REPORTED SITE (APPROXIMATELY SEVEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE LAST KNOWN POSITION FOR CASE 1242) AND RECOVERED SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH SUGGEST A PLANE CRASHED IN THE AREA. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1242 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE WITNESS TURNED IN A SMALL BONE FRAGMENT ALLEGEDLY TAKEN (MANY YEARS EARLIER) FROM THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE. THE FRAGMENT WAS TOO SMALL FOR THE USCILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WAS ANIMAL OR HUMAN. (REF 9)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 OCTOBER 1993

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REFNO: 1243-0-01 (ACCNO 1069)
Name: ROSS, JOSEPH SHAW

Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 12 Mar 1975

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Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	K654611
Birth date	26 Jan 1943	Weight	190 lb / 86.1 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
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===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4D	Serial: 8822
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J7915
Call Sign: COACH 01	1 Serial: 440154
Year: 66	2 Serial: 440155

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